

1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
3 EASTERN DIVISION

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5 IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION : MDL NO. 2804
6 OPIATE LITIGATION :
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8 THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO: : Case No. 17-md-2804
9 Case Track 8 : : Judge Dan A. Polster
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10 Friday, December 2, 2022

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12 SUBJECT TO FURTHER CONFIDENTIALITY REVIEW

13 Remote videotaped deposition of
14 KATHERINE S. LEONARD, commencing at 9:05 a.m., on the
15 above date, before Carol A. Kirk, Registered Merit
16 Reporter, Certified Shorthand Reporter, and Notary
17 Public.

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1 other than the one that first met on May 5,
2 2021?

3 A. I am not aware of anything beyond
4 this team that I put together, I named, to give
5 them a platform for collaboration as
6 pharmacists.

7 Q. Is Kim Barnard still with Publix?

8 A. Yes. Kim Barnard is still with
9 Publix.

10 Q. Is Marlena Kelley still with
11 Publix?

12 A. She is still with Publix.

13 Q. Is Patrick Cashman still with
14 Publix?

15 A. Yeah, Patrick Cashman is still
16 with Publix.

17 Q. Is there an official date that the
18 Publix opioid task force disbanded.

19 A. I don't know that it was that
20 formal for me to know I needed to disband
21 something. I think I named it something that
22 would seem important to the members that are on
23 it. So I thought that had a strong -- it was a
24 strong title.

1 But to me, it was taking feedback
2 from one, giving her the opportunity to
3 collaborate with other pharmacists and present
4 to me where she felt any additional information
5 is needed on top of what we already do.

6 And in that presentation, felt
7 more like it was trying to create a new role for
8 Kim or for one individual based on what was
9 presented. In my opinion, we have more
10 resources across our company that are focused on
11 that.

12 Kim just doesn't have the same
13 range of view because she's in one store. So I
14 didn't -- I didn't feel the need to continue it
15 based on the feedback that I -- that was
16 presented in that meeting.

17 Q. Did you consider continuing the
18 opioid task force but not including Kim Barnard
19 as part of the task force?

20 A. No. That was never a
21 consideration. There just -- I didn't see the
22 need to continue.

23 Q. You didn't see a need to continue
24 the opioid task force?

1 A. Yeah. Based on what was
2 presented, there were things that we were
3 already doing in our stores on a bigger scale
4 than what was presented. So I didn't think that
5 that was the right direction to go, to single it
6 out to Kim. I felt like we had strong resources
7 across, you know, our states with our
8 supervisors that are pharmacists.

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10 (Leonard Deposition Exhibit 10 marked.)

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12 BY MS. BURNS:

13 Q. Okay. Let's take a look at
14 P-PUB-728.

15 Does this document look familiar
16 to you?

17 MS. WHITE: Hold on one second.
18 I'm just getting -- moving it over here.
19 I didn't want to open anything that I
20 wasn't supposed to open.

21 Okay. I'm good.

22 A. This I feel like I saw as part
23 of -- I've seen it. Yes, I've seen this.

24 Q. You've seen this. And did you see

1 CERTIFICATION

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3 I, Carol A. Kirk, Registered Merit Reporter and
4 Certified Shorthand Reporter, do hereby certify that
5 prior to the commencement of the examination,
6 KATHERINE S. LEONARD was duly remotely sworn by me to
7 testify to the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but
8 the truth.

9 I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the foregoing is a
10 verbatim transcript of the testimony as taken
11 stenographically by me at the time, place, and on the
12 date hereinbefore set forth, to the best of my
13 ability.

14 I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither a
15 relative nor an employee nor attorney nor counsel of
16 any of the parties to this action, and that I am
17 neither a relative nor employee of such attorney or
18 counsel, and that I am not financially interested in
19 the action.

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23 Carol A. Kirk, RMR, CSR
Notary Public

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